

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-142-E - ORDER NO. 94-242^{1c}
MARCH 18, 1994

IN RE: Request of Carolina Power &)	ORDER APPROVING
Light Company for Approval of)	WAIVER OF
a Waiver of PSC R.103-321 and)	26 S.C. CODE ANN.
Approval of Modifications to)	103-321 AND
Service Regulations.)	CHANGE IN SERVICE
)	REGULATIONS

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Carolina Power & Light Company's (CP&L's) request to waive, on customer request, the requirement of 26 S.C. Code Ann. 103-321 (1976) providing for meter reading and billing on a monthly basis of not less than 28 days nor more than 34 days. CP&L further requests a corresponding change in its Service Regulations to read "Company's meters will be read and bills rendered monthly at regular intervals of approximately 30 days."

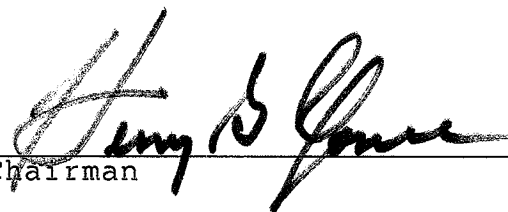
CP&L asserts that its proposed waiver and modification of its Service Regulations are the result of a number of its large customers requesting that their billing cycles be altered to coincide with their accounting cycles. These customers assert that this change in their billing cycles will allow them to better track their energy usage/costs along with other production costs in order to determine more accurate cost allocations and

associated product profitabilities. CP&L asserts it is willing to provide the customer requested change in meter reading and billing so long as the customer agrees to pay any additional cost associated with the remote electronic meter reading and billing required to provide this service.

26 S.C. Code Ann. 103-301(3)(1976) allows the Commission to waive a regulation upon finding that such waiver is in the public interest. The Commission finds that the waiver of regulation 103-321 under the circumstances described by CP&L is in the public interest and, therefore, should be and is hereby waived. Furthermore, the Commission approves the modification to CP&L's Service Regulations to correspond with the waiver of 103-321. CP&L shall provide the Commission with ten (10) copies of its revised Service Regulations within ten (10) days of the receipt of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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